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SUBJECT: VICE PRESIDENT'S SCHEDULE - WELLINGTON

REF: STATE 73749

1. VICE PRESIDENT'S SCHEDULE AS OUTLINED IN REFTEL IS ACCURATE WITH THE FOLLOWING EXCEPTION:

- ARRIVAL AND DEPARTURE CEREMONIES WOULD TAKE PLACE AT OHAKEA.

2. FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL INFORMATION PROVIDED FYI:

- (A) ALL PASSPORT/VISA REQUIREMENTS HAVE BEEN WAIVED FOR ENTIRE PARTY, BUT ARRIVAL CERTIFICATE FOR EVERY INDIVIDUAL WILL BE NEEDED. NEW ZEALAND EMBASSY IN WASHINGTON WILL PROVIDE SUFFICIENT ARRIVAL CARDS FOR COMPLETION BEFORE LANDING AT OHAKEA.

- (B) EXTREMELY STRICT AGRICULTURAL REGULATIONS WILL NECESSITATE SPRAYING OF THE VICE PRESIDENT'S AIRCRAFT
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AFTER LANDING AT OHAKEA AND BEFORE DEBARKATION OF ANY PASSENGERS. SPRAYING TIME WILL TAKE APPROXIMATELY FIVE MINUTES.

- (C) THE DEAN OF THE DIPLOMATIC CORPS IN NEW ZEALAND IS THE PRC AMBASSADOR: AMBASSADOR PEI CAN BE EXPECTED, AT A MINIMUM, TO BE A GUEST AT THE STATE

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LUNCHEON ON MONDAY.

- (D) NEW ZEALAND CLOSES UP FRIDAY EVENING FOR THE WEEKEND, AND ON SUNDAY, NO SHOPS WILL BE OPEN (WITH THE SINGLE EXCEPTION OF DAIRIES--A KIND OF SEVEN-ELEVEN SHOP--AND URGENT PHARMACIES). EVEN SOME RESTAURANTS ARE CLOSED ON SUNDAYS.

- (E) IT IS TRADITIONAL AT DINNERS AND LUNCHEONS OF AN OFFICIAL NATURE NOT TO SMOKE UNTIL AFTER THE TOAST TO THE QUEEN.

3. ACTION ITEMS:

- (A) EMBASSY WOULD WELCOME A LIST IN RANK ORDER OF THE MEMBERS OF THE OFFICIAL PARTY. NAMES OF ALL OTHER MEMBERS OF THE PARTY WOULD ALSO BE USEFUL. GNZ PRINTS BOOKLET NF THE OFFICIAL SCHEDULE, INCLUDING NAMES OF OFFICIAL PARTY AND SENIOR STAFF; ABSOLUTE DEADLINE FOR PRINTER HS APRIL 4.

- (B) ELBASSY ASSUMES THAT ALL TRANSFER OF CLASSIFIED MATERIAL FROM THE VICE PRESIDENT'S PLANE TO THE NZ VIP AIRCRAFT AT OHAKEA CAN BE MADE WITHOUT ASSISTANCE OF EMBASSY PERSONNEL. PLEASE CONFIRM.

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- (C) WILL PRESS SECRETARY HAVE HANDOUTS OF ARRIVAL STATEMENT AVAILABLE FOR DISTRIBUTION AT OHAKEA? IF NOT, WOULD APPRECIATE TEXT SOONEST.

4. EMBASSY ASSUMES THAT VICE PRESIDENT DOES NOT PLAN ANY EXCURSIONS ON SUNDAY. WOULD MRS. MONDALE OR TED MONDALE WISH TO UNDERTAKE A SIGHTSEEING TRIP ON SUNDAY? GNZ IS PREPARED TO ORGANIZE A MOTOR TRIP TO THE WAIKATO, AGRICULTURAL/SHEEP AREA NORTH OF WELLINGTON, WITH LUNCHTIME BARBEQUE. IF THIS WOULD BE DESIRABLE, PLEASE INFORM, AS ARRANGEMENTS WOULD HAVE TO BE MADE FOR WAIKATO HOSTS.

5. I BELIEVE THAT IT WOULD BE ADVISABLE FOR ME TO SPEND 30-45 MINUTES BRIEFING THE VICE PRESIDENT ON THE LOCAL SITUATION AND PERSONALITIES HE WILL ENCOUNTER PRIOR TO HIS MONDAY SCHEDULE, AND FOR THAT PURPOSE I WOULD SUGGEST EITHER A WORKING LUNCH ON SUNDAY, OR A WORKING BREAKFAST ON MONDAY. ALTERNATIVELY, I COULD MEET WITH THE VICE PRESIDENT AT HIS HOTEL SUITE JUST PRIOR TO HIS DEPARTURE SUNDAY EVENING FOR THE PRIME

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MINISTER'S DINNER, OR AT ANY OTHER TIME CONVENIENT TO
HIM. SELDEN

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